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1. On 15 February a Soviet submarine* left Yulin, Hainan, for Indochina with six large cases of signal communications equipment for Viet Minh Army troops.
2. In January, 600 Viet Minh Army troops from the fourth class at the Fangch'eng (108-23, 21-46) training center completed their training. They were equipped by the Chinese Communists and sent to Tungchung (洞中), in the Fangch'eng area. They were accompanied by 270 Chinese officers and men, and in early February were still in the Tungchung area.
3. In late November, 1,200 Viet Minh Army troops from the Viet Minh Replacement Regiment (sic) in North Viet Nam completed their training at Fangch'eng as members of the third class. They were equipped by the Chinese Communists and sent to P'inghsiang (106-44, 22-06), where they arrived on 16 December. In early February the designation of this regiment from the third class was the 32 Regiment, 11 Division, 4 Army, of the Viet Minh Liberation Army.** The officers are: commander, WEI Wen-chih (韦文志);*** deputy, YUAN Shih-cheng (阮士徵);*** and, political commissar, NING Tien-yu (宁殿宇);*** all Vietnamese. The regiment is composed of three battalions, three infantry companies, and one machine-gun company, with a total equipment of 14 x 60 mm mortars, 4 x 82 mm mortars, 9 heavy machine guns, 27 light machine guns, 15 grenade throwers, 700 rifles, and 700 American-type pistols and other small arms. Each soldier is equipped with four hand grenades.

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[REDACTED] reported Soviet submarines at Yulin and elsewhere in Southeast Asia waters.

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This designation is not clear. The term Viet Minh Liberation Army refers possibly to the Chinese People's Anti-French and Support Indochina Volunteer Army. [REDACTED] Previous

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reports have indicated, however, that this army is composed of Chinese troops. It is unlikely that "Viet Minh Liberation Army" refers to the Viet Minh Army in Indochina because the regimental designation does not fit the organization of the Viet Minh Army.

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